

Indian River County Florida

*Indian River County Administration Complex
1800 27th Street, Building B
Room B1-501
Vero Beach, Florida*



Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, July 12, 2021

1:30 PM

Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors

David E. Gunter, Chairman: IRSWCD - Seat #2

Robert C. Adair, Jr., Vice-Chair: IRSWCD - Seat #3

Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer: IRSWCD - Seat #5

Shawn P. Elliott, Member: IRSWCD - Seat #1

Bobby Lindsey, Member: IRSWCD - Seat #4

Linda Caggiano, District Staff Assistant II: IRSWCD

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David E. Gunter called meeting to order at 1:42 PM.

Supervisors in attendance: David E. Gunter, Chairman
Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer
Bobby Lindsey, Member

Supervisors attendance

Via Zoom: None

Staff in attendance: Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD

Staff in attendance

Via Zoom: None

Public in attendance: Joe Earman, BOCC of IRC
Lex Kromhout, The Hammock Ranch Preserve, LLC
John Frederick Lang, SJRWMD
Honey Minuse, City of Vero Beach
Laura Moss, BOCC of IRC
Scott Reynolds, IRC Utilities
Arjuna Weragoda, City of Vero Beach

Public via Zoom: Judy Orcutt, Clean Water Coalition of IRC

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA/EMERGENCY ITEMS:**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. The minutes for June 14, 2021 Board Meeting were approved as written.

Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. The Financial Report for June 2021 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.

Motion: A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

5. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

A. Liability and Dishonesty Insurance:

Need clarification from Insurance Agent: IRSWCD definitely needs the Crime/Dishonesty Insurance. Do we need both policies? Western Surety \$359.00 and Liberty Mutual \$343.00. Amend: Western Surety Company Dishonesty Bond.

Motion: A motion to table Item 5.A. until next meeting August 9, 2021 to get clarification on Liberty Mutual and Western Surety Insurance Information if both policies are needed from Agent was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

B. IRSWCD Supervisors Seat 1 to resign due to out of IRC. Board will need to appoint a new Supervisors until next election November 2022.

- i. Shawn Paul Elliott will need to send a resignation letter to the IRSWCD Board of Supervisors to send to Governor DeSantis.

Motion: A motion to seek out George Simmons (prior Supervisor) to see if he is willing to take Supervisors- Seat 1 position until next election November 2022 was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

C. AFCD Area 4 Meeting held Friday, June 18, 2021 in Lake County.

- i. Originally in Area 5, moved to Area 4. Review Area 3 and Area 4 Supervisors list - possible change to Area 3.

Motion: A motion to table Item 5.C. until next meeting August 9, 2021 to allow Supervisors time to review information was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

D. 2021 AFCD Annual Meeting:

- i. September 9 & 10, 2021: The Plaza Resort & Spa; 600 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118. Supervisors usually attend Annual Meeting to discuss Business, Changes, and By-Laws with other Districts. Attendance for July 12, 2021. Supervisors will not be able to attend due to work schedules. Supervisors will have Staff Assistant attend meeting to bring information back to them.

E. July 1st – Supervisors must file: File the Limited Financial Disclosure Form with their Supervisors of Elections Office by July 1, 2021. Four of five Supervisors have filed the form.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Indian River Lagoon Council STEM Advisory Committee Update:

- i. Dr. David L. Cox, said there was not a meeting in the past month. Nothing to report.

B. Supervisors discussion on Water withdrawals from the Floridan Aquifer System and Consumptive Use Permits (CUPs) for Indian River County. (Note 6.B. & 6.C. Combined in Meeting discussion.)

C. Current information on the County's Water Supply Planning especially future planning and water farming.

- i. David E. Gunter spoke: He had a meeting with Vincent Burke, Utilities Director and Jason Brown, Indian River County Administrator to explain why IRSWCD wanted to have someone from the Utilities Department and the County to keep us informed of what their plans are with the water supply, so no miscommunication / misconception on what they are doing – both agreed. David E. Gunter pitched the diversified water supply. David E. Gunter's opinion is that Jason Brown wants to stay with the Floridan Aquifer. They all discussed the Lower Floridan Aquifer and issues associated with it. David E. Gunter mentioned that the problem with brine disposal, will need an injection well, cannot spread the high chloride water. The County may move/expand the well field other than Hobart. David E. Gunter mentioned, if they plan to move/expand then the U.S. Geological Survey would be very beneficial. Water Management Districts Water Supply Plan is very general. To get specific, need to know where to put it to not impact the existing users are

need to know where the permitted and non-permitting wells and existing users are. David E. Gunter felt the diversified water supply plan was a more fiscally sound plan. David E. Gunter mentioned to the County to research what the cost for a dedicated reservoir that would hold a 15 month water supply, to supply all the water in the area- if there was an issue with wells. Per David E. Gunter, the County said they would look into it... They are convinced they will need to move further west. My comment to them both, if you have the U.S. Geological Survey it will give you a lot better information on where your siting should be.

Commissioner Joseph H. Earman introduced Scott Reynolds with the County Utilities Department. Commissioner Earman spoke in reference to an item on the BOCC Agenda July 13, 2021: A Proposal to “Move Water West”. Ask of the BOCC to look at the feasibility of it, different agencies involved.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Recorded Video of IRSWCD Board Meetings:

- i. Should a link to the meeting video be included in addition to the printed minutes for each meeting?
- ii. Should the videos be posted to the IRSWD website as well as sent out along with our Agenda Packets?

Motion: A motion to include a link to the video of the Board Meeting to be posted on the IRSWCD website along with the Approved IRSWCD Minutes, if the County will allow was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Bobby Lindsey. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Zoom Meetings – Continue monthly Zoom Meetings or Discontinue?

Motion: A motion to continue the Zoom Meetings was made by Bobby Lindsey and Seconded Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

C. St. Johns River Water Management District – Ambient Monitoring Efforts (Dr. Ann B. Shortelle).

Dr. David L. Cox discussed an item on tomorrow’s BOCC Agenda from SJRWMD conducts ambient hydrologic, water quality, and biological monitoring to provide the data necessary to perform its core mission.

8. REPORTS:

A. Jennifer Abbey, NRCS – Reports:

- ❖ **Farm Bill Programs:** 18 of 60 Active contracts totaling approximately \$1,200,000 over approximately 12,000 acres.
- ❖ **EQIP:** 11 Active Contract; 4 Approved 2021 applications; 1 new preapproved application.
- ❖ **CSP:** 7 Active Contracts: 2 applications approved 2021.
- ❖ **ACEP-WRE:** 1 application.
- ❖ **Conservation Applications: June – July**
 - Cliff Lightsey: Cattle watering system
- ❖ **Contract Management;** Completed EQIP obligations. CSP assessment obligations.
- ❖ **News:**

- USDA Invests \$10 million to Support Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry 6/25/2021. Florida will receive 1 million. This year the program will only be offered in Strikeforce Counties. Indian River is not included.
- USDA Announces Grants for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production 5/27/2021.

B. Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist III, Office of Agricultural Water Policy-FDACS: No report available

C. Christine Kelly-Begazo, Agriculture/ UF IFAS Report: No Report Available

D. Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II

- ❖ **FDACS:** Processed two (2) ACH payments from the South State Bank accounts for FDACS. Still working on the General Liability Insurance and FL Dishonesty Insurance required by FDACS New Contract. FDACS sent in past week 7 Cost-Shares totaling \$170,649.82 for Contract 24393. Offices are still closed, working from Home Offices or Out in Field through August 2021.
- ❖ **FCDEA:** Teleconference Meeting: July 20, 2021 @ 1:00 pm.
- ❖ **AFCD:** AFCD Contest Workshop Meeting in Gainesville, FL Monday, August 2, 2021. Will drive up on Sunday for morning meeting. AFCD 2021 Annual Meeting: September 8 – 10, 2021 in Daytona Beach, FL. Who will be in attendance?
- ❖ **Office:** Prepare June Board Minutes and letters as per Motions made in meeting. Prepare July Agenda and items for Monday's meeting. Cost-Share review of files, reimbursing the Producers. Thursday, July 8, 2021; Patrick Graham sent an email: "Received the letter from the Florida Auditor General's office regarding clarification of the wording on the Management Leer that is included in IRSWCD's 2020 audited F/S's, attached you will find my email correspondence with Rick Voss and the revised Management Letter wording regarding prior Audit Findings. I have emailed the revised wording to Mr. Voss. I expect this will satisfy his request. We get clarifying inquiries like that every couple of years."

9. SUPERVISORS MATTERS: None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:21 PM.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date